

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 530

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Starlene Buie for
meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to recognize those estimable Tennesseans who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Starlene Buie is one such noteworthy individual who consistently demonstrates the utmost enthusiasm and integrity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Coordinator for Tennessee State Representative Ty Cobb and Coordinator for former State Representative J.B. Napier, Mrs. Buie also gives of her time and many talents as the Public Relations Coordinator and Personal Assistant for Dr. David Foster; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life she has successfully balanced the demands of her family life, her profession, and her role as an active citizen; and

WHEREAS, a woman with an outstanding resumé and vast history of experience, Starlene Buie has lent her skill and experience to the Columbia Band Boosters, of which she is a lifetime member; the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the Order of the Eastern Star in Lewisburg, Tennessee; and the Mount Pleasant Lions Club, among several other organizations; and

WHEREAS, as a twelve-year member of the Mount Pleasant Lions Club, Mrs. Buie has stood in every office at club level except the office of Treasurer and has worked on all committees; she served as Membership Chair for ten years, was Zone Chair over four clubs from 2005 until 2007, is the current Region Chair over eleven clubs, was appointed by the

International Women's Retention Chair, served on the Middle Tennessee Board for Eyesight, and acted as Co-Chair of an event for the Lions District Convention; and

WHEREAS, as a committee member, she founded the Child Abuse Center of Maury County, which is now widely known as the Family Center; she also worked to advance the influence of the Child Abuse Committee by initiating fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, for her devout service with the Lions Club, Starlene Buie received the Excellence Award for Recruitment, the Melvin Jones Award in 2007, the highest honor available, and the International Membership Chair High Honor for recruiting seventeen new members to the Tennessee Club in one year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her extensive service with the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club, Mrs. Buie has focused her time and attention to the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Hope House for Domestic Violence for Women, the Maury Alliance Membership Committee, Central High School's Project Graduation, the J.E. Woodward Parent Teacher Organization, and the Exchange Club, in which she has held all offices and served on every committee; and

WHEREAS, a philanthropist in every aspect of her life, Starlene Buie has an indelible proclivity for helping organizations raise the money they need to operate most effectively; and

WHEREAS, putting this ability to use, Mrs. Buie stood as Fundraiser Chair for the Junior Civitan at Whithorne Middle School, coordinated a fundraiser for Central High School's baseball and basketball teams, and organized a fundraiser for American Little League; in addition, she planned and hosted a Tennessee Highway Patrol Dinner in Nashville, which honored Troopers across the State; and

WHEREAS, a deeply respected leader in her community, Mrs. Buie has served on the Boards of Directors for Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, the Red Hat Ladies, Network Express, and the March of Dimes; she also earned a Presidential Appointment to the Draft Board, on which she has served faithfully for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, her many professional achievements and civic contributions aside, Starlene Buie is grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Gerald; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud mother of one daughter, Theresa Buie Williams, and one son, Carey Buie, and has five grandchildren, who are the source of indescribable joy for her; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the efforts of people like Starlene Buie, who give of themselves without thought of reward, upholding the values of family and community as they go about their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, Starlene Buie epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Starlene Buie for meritorious service to the citizens of this great State, commend her many accomplishments and assiduous work, and extend to her our sincerest wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.